

A method for evaluating capacity utilization of a terminus in a communication system where the terminus has a maximum capacity and accommodates a plurality of communication lines in coupled relationship with the terminus, includes the steps of: (a) identifying the plurality of communication lines; each respective line has a respective line speed and a respective character-type that is one character-type of a plurality of character-types extant in the communication system; (b) identifying the respective line speed and the respective character-type for each respective line; (c) determining type line speed contribution by respective lines having a particular the respective character-type; (d) summing the type line speed contribution by all the respective character-types to determine a total line speed contribution for all of the plurality of lines; and (e) comparing the total line speed contribution with the maximum capacity to effect the evaluating.